

**11TH AUGUST
2015**

LEVEL 4 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

**TERM 3
WEEK 5
2015**

LEVEL 4 LEARNING

Our Antarctica unit is a big hit this term and many interesting discussions are being had regarding explorers, animals and Scientific Research. Students are currently learning about things that have an impact on the environment. It was fantastic to have a visit from Angus Horlock last week to share with us his very own experiences of being near and on this amazing continent. His photos were amazing and the students loved the stories he shared about the animals and the boat trip to Antarctica.

This week your child is completing a small project to do with Antarctic explorers. This task has been chosen by

themselves and they will need the use of the internet to research their chosen topic. Please inform your child's teacher as soon as possible if this is going to be an issue.

Students recently completed the ICAS English Competition and ICAS Mathematics Competition. Some parents have been phoning the school office to ask for individual passwords. We have been informed that these will be given to you once the results have been collated and your child receives their certificate. You can then access the site to see where your child made errors or even to look at individual questions.

NAPLAN results are generally released at the end of Term 3.

IMPORTANT DATES

11th August Competition

12th August VSC Production viewing

19th—21st August Ski Camp

24th August Science activity day

27th August ORANGE DAY

31st August Literacy and Numeracy Week

7th September Zoo excursion



Donggeon's homework creation that he shared with the class. The mast even ties up. He put a lot of effort into this and the students enjoyed his presentation to the class. Well done.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Literacy and Numeracy Week will be held from 31st August to 4th September. This will be a fun week starting with the regular dress up parade. This year, each grade level will have its own theme. Year 5 are Shape

Land and Year 6 are Pattern Land. As such, we have asked that students all dress up as dalmations so that Level 4 can be represented as 101+ Dalmations at the assembly. *Someone* will dress as Cruella Deville. There will

be other adult characters from the movie present. Students are therefore encouraged to wear black or white pants and top with black cardboard splotches either pinned on or sewn on loosely.



Dairy Writing

Students have been writing diary entries from the perspective of an explorer or scientist in Antarctica. This has been one of the writing genres we have focused on this term. Please read the following written by Jack 6GP.

17/08/1894

Another harsh day in the coldest place on Earth. The weather never goes up it just continues to go down in temperature. Right now I'm triple-layered in clothing. Researching the weather is really cool, just not the temperature though.

Right now we've explored nearly everything on the surface we are on. Although we do have some competition we tend to get along well. Our team is very cautious of the deep holes that we might fall in to. It was just yesterday when Doctor Max fell into a knee-deep snow ditch. Luckily he wasn't hurt.

Well it's not my job to study the wildlife but I would certainly like to have a go. It's enjoyable to look at animals roam around. The closest we get to Penguins is when we explore. It's kind of cute how they follow us, it's like they are our shadows.

Luckily there has only been three injuries that were minor. I will list the names of injuries. So Lieutenant Liam injured his knee cap while exploring. I have one frost bite incident but that was on the tip of my thumb. Finally, it was Captain Dylan who injured his nose as it got hit by a rock and bruised pretty badly.

So tomorrow I'll go explore more with Captain Dylan but now I've got to go to bed.

Your Captain,

Captain Jack

Level 4 Reminders

There are a lot of sport uniforms that have not yet been returned to school from our interschool sports last term. These consist mainly of netball skirts and football jumpers. Please ensure these are washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Student Council Fundraiser

I was approached recently by a Year 3 student asking for the school to show support for the Orang-utans by possibly holding some sort of fundraiser. Apparently Level 3 students are learning about animals in LOTE.

It is encouraging that our students are passionate about environmental issues and show initiative for such causes. In years past, Vermont Primary School have sponsored an orang-utan and our aim is to continue this sponsorship and possibly sponsor a baby orang-utan at the same time. Bu Smith is heading up the sponsorship and will inform the school of developments through the school newsletter.

27th August has been set aside for a whole school "orange" day. Students can assist our efforts to raise the funds needed by bringing a gold coin donation on the day.

Gillian Prentice

Student Council Coordinator

GRADUATION

Graduation is fast approaching. We have managed to sell quite a lot of the raffle tickets but these must be returned asap please to finalise money raised. It will be drawn at assembly on 31st August.

Please remember that 11th December is the date for this event. Year 5 parents will be sent notes early next term asking for assistance with the night. Traditionally Year 5 parents assist with setting up, serving food and cleaning up. The following year they get to sit back and relax.